

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The following remarks are meant to supplement the amendments and remarks contained within our response of June 27, 2006, as requested by the Examiner in the Office Action of September 19, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 20 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The claims have been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 20-31 have been rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

With respect to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicants will address this rejection upon the indication of allowable subject matter.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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